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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michael Reasoner

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

The following Response is prepared to place a prior Amendment in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. In particular, the Amendment filed on December 26, 2002 was not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173.

Applicant conducted an interview with Examiner David Bucci on October 27, 2004 to discuss the Official Action of October 18, 2004 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. The Official Action stated that the Amendments filed on December 26, 2002 and June 7, 1999 were not in compliance with § 1.173. As discussed in the Interview, the Examiner subsequently determined that the Amendment filed on June 7, 1999 was NOT defective. Hence, any objection to the June 7, 1999 Amendment is believed withdrawn.

As requested by the Examiner, the subject Response includes the Amendments made to the specification and claims on December 26, 2002 with these Amendments properly formatted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.173.